

REMARKS

Claims 49-59 are pending, of which Claims 49 and 59 are independent. It is believed with entry of the present amendment, all claims are in condition for allowance.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Todd for the telephone interview that was conducted in this application on July 2, 2008.

Examiner Todd and the undersigned participated in the interview. The rejection of Claims 49-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 was discussed. The teachings of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0011270 to Himmelstein in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,158 to DeLorme and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0038348 to Malone were also discussed. Amendments to Claim 59 were discussed in order to align certain limitations with independent Claim 49.

Claim Amendments

Claim 59 is amended by the present amendment to specify that the plurality of computers associated with the geographically bounded region that are identified perform distributed processing tasks to enable the creation of a geographically bounded searchable index of electronic documents. This limitation is similarly set forth in Claim 49. Support for this amendment can be found throughout the application, at least at page 8, line 17 through page 9, line 15; page 16, lines 19-30; and FIGs. 1 and 9. Claim 59 is also amended to correctly state that the plurality of indexable electronic documents are webpages on the Internet. Acceptance is respectfully requested.

Disclosure Statement

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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